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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESS COVERAGE MARSHALL GREEN MANILA SPEECH

- 1. MAJOR MEXICAN DAILIES CARRIED ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASE ON MARSHALL GREEN MANILA SPEECH OF JAN. 27. MOST STRIKING WAS EXCELSIOR FRONT-PAGE BANNER HEADLINE ENTITLED "MARSHALL GREEN URGES LIMIT POPULATION GROWTH HERE." HERALDO ALSO PROVIDED FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT WITH HEADLINE "U.S. WORRIED BY MEXICAN POPULATION GROWTH.".
- 2. IN ARTICLE IDENTIFYING GREEN AS FIRST U.S. DIPLOMAT TO BE COORDINATOR FOR POPULATION AFFAIRS, GREEN WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE RAPIDLY INCREASING MEXICAN POPULATION HAS "VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATION FOR THE U.S." HAVING NOTED THATTHE MEDIAN AGE IN MEXICO IS 15 AND THE ANNUAL POPULA-UNCLASSIFIED

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TION GROWTH RATE 3.6 PERCENT, GREEN WENT ON TO STATE

THAT "WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MEXICO WITH RESPECT TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUSED BY UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT." GREEN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE PROBLEM MUST RECEIVE ATTENTION BEFORE IT BECOMES VERY SERIOUS.

3. GREEN ALSO REMARKED THAT THE ECONOMIC DESPERATION RESULTING FROM POPULATION PRESSURE COULD LEAD TO THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

4. COMMENT: PAPERS ALSO NOTED THAT GREEN HAD VISITED MEXICO BEFORE CURRENT ASIA TOUR. AS VERY NEGATIVE OFFICIAL REACTION HAS ALREADY BEGUN (REPORTED SEPTEL), EMBASSY REQUESTS TELEGRAPHED COPY TEXT OF MANILA SPEECH. JOVA

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